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1. FOLLOWING ARE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS POSED IN PARA 5 OF
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A. NO.

B. YES, BUT TRAINING IS NOT ORIENTED TO A "HOW TO" APPROACH,
AND CONSISTMAINLY OF LECTURES BY HIGH RANKING GOVT OF INDIA (GOI)
OFFICIALS TO OTHER OFFICIALS OF SOMEWHAT LESSER RANK. THERE IS
VERY LITTLE TRAINING DONE AT THE WORKING LEVEL IN THE DRUG FIELD.
MOST SUCH TRAINING IS AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL.

C. THERE ARE GENERAL LE TRAINING FACILITIES THROUGHOUT
INDIA, SOME FOR STATE AND LOCAL OFFICERS AND SOME FOR CUSTOMS
& EXCESE PERSONNEL. PRECISE NUMBERS AND LOCATIONS ARE NOW
KNOWN.

D. THE TRAINING AFFORDED INSTRUCTORS AT THESE FACILITIES IS
NOT KNOWN. IT IS ASSUMED THAT THEIR CAPABILITIES AS NARCOTIC
INSTRUCTORS IS MINIMAL.

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E. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE WITHIN PAST 3 YEARS, NO TRAINING HAS BEEN

PROVIDED TO GOI OFFICIALS BY ANY NON GOI ENTITY.

F. OUR BEST ASSESSMENT IS THAT THE TRAINING PROVIDED LOCALLY HAS PRODUCED MINIMAL RESULTS. SEIZURES AND ARRESTS ARE USUALLY MADE AS A RESULT OF VERY SPECIFIC INFORMATION RECEIVED BY ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS. IN THOSE INSTANCES WHERE ARRESTS/SEIZURES ARE MADE AS THE RESULT OF POLICE INVESTIGATIONS IT APPEARS TO BE DUE TO THE PERSONAL INTEREST TAKEN BY THE PARTICULAR OFFICER IN THE NARCOTIC FIELD, AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF HIS SKILLS BY ON THE JOB TRAINING.

G. MISSION HAS TO BE PESSIMISTIC ABOUT GOI ACCEPTING A PROGRAM TO UPGRADE ITS NARCOTIC ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CAPABILITY IN VIEW OF PAST EXPERIENCE. HOWEVER, GOI ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS HAVE SHOWN NOTICEABLY GREATER INTEREST IN COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS DURING THE PAST YEAR, AND THIS CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP COULD SOFTEN THE GOI'S PAST POSITION OF REFUSING TRAINING ASSISTANCE BY

H. BEFORE ANY OF THE APPROACHES SET FORTH IN PARA 5H COULD BE CONSIDERED, WE HAVE TO CREATE A MORE RECEPTIVE ATTITUDE ON THE PART OF THE GOI. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO FOSTER THIS ATTITUDE IN OUR CONTACTS WITH THOSE OFFICIALS WHO WOULD BENEFIT MOST FROM THE TYPE OF PROGRAMS PROPOSED IN REFTL.

I. MISSION HAS RECEIVED INDICATIONS THAT GOI IN CONJUNCTION WITH UN IS CONSIDERING HOLDING A REGIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM IN 1977. WITH UN PARTICIPATION, SUCH A PROGRAM COULD BE EFFECTIVE. WITHOUT OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE GOI MIGHT WELL HOLD REGIONAL TRAINING, BUT WHETHER IT WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL IS OPEN TO QUESTION
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